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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RICHARD E. WILLIAMS

Serial No. 09/576,499

Filed: May 23, 2000

Title: Packaging Component and Containment
System Particularly Useful for Packaging
Radiators

Examiner: Arnold III, Troy G.

Group Art Unit: 3728

**REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF
IMPROPER NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the Examiner remove the Notice of Abandonment dated December 21, 2001 in the above-identified application and restore the subject application to active status.

On November 21, 2001, Applicant responded in a timely fashion (including a petition for a 3-month extension of time) to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001. As *prima facie* proof thereof, Applicant encloses a true copy of the stamped postcard that accompanied the Amendment of November 21, 2001. It is noted that the postcard was acknowledged as received by the Patent Office with a stamp dated February 11, 2002. This Request was delayed while

awaiting return of the post card, which just arrived (apparently having been decontaminated, in view of its "cooked" condition).

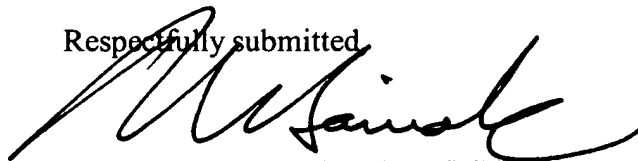
It is assumed that the Amendment has been similarly delayed along with those noted in the letter from Mr. Nicholas P. Godici of the U.S. Patent Office dated January 16, 2002. Nonetheless, the undersigned certifies that the Amendment was timely filed on November 21, 2001, along with a proper Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), payment, transmittal form, and post card. As a courtesy to the Examiner, a copy of the Amendment is also enclosed.

The Notice of Abandonment was improperly issued, and must be withdrawn.

February 27, 2002

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